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## **Councilman Zine Calls for Federal Notification of Known Illegal Immigrant Gang Members**

(Los Angeles) – Tomorrow, Councilman Dennis P. Zine will introduce a motion to the City Council asking that Special Order 40 be amended to allow Los Angeles Police Department officers to notify federal immigration officials of known gang members who are also in the country illegally. Additionally, if a known gang member is arrested by LAPD, and that person is also found to be an undocumented immigrant, that an immigration hold be placed on the arrestee by LAPD until such time as the arrestee may be released to the custody of ICE.

Regarding the case of Jamiel Shaw, everyone agrees that the situation is beyond heart-wrenching and tragic. The family has every right to be frustrated because the suspect should not have been released from the Culver City Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department had the obligation to turn the suspect over to Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) to be held for deportation hearings.

"This case highlights the deficiencies in our federal immigration system and the inefficient application by local law enforcement," said Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Chair of the Immigration Task Force for the National League of Cities. "I wholeheartedly support that if a person commits a crime and is in this country illegally, that the individual should be deported to their country of origin. The fact is that Special Order 40 allows Los Angeles Police Officers to inquire about immigration status if a crime has been committed, and reinforces the effort to deport an illegal immigrant if a crime has been committed. We can now take it one step further and say that if an individual is a known gang member *and* an illegal immigrant, that the LAPD has the responsibility and duty to turn the individual over to federal immigration officials."

In addition to this pending motion, on Wednesday, Councilman Zine introduced a motion asking law enforcement agencies who were involved in the Jamiel Shaw, Jr. murder case to report to the City Council regarding procedures in place to notify the federal government of a person's immigration status upon release from jail and how these policies were or were not correctly applied in this situation.

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